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CLEAN DISHES —for a clean house

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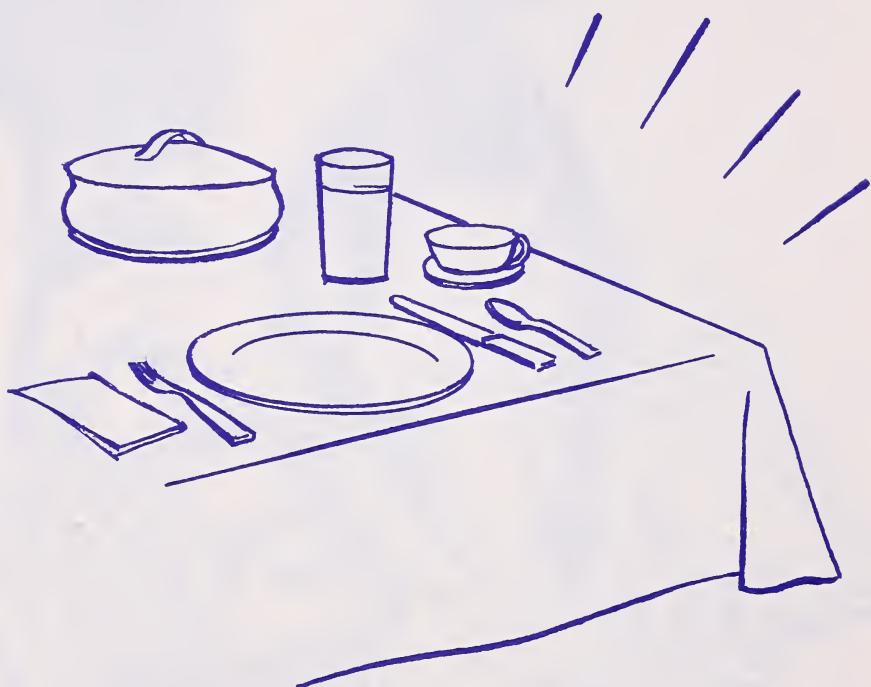


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Why Wash Dishes?

- Clean dishes are a part of a clean house.
- Clean dishes help keep your family healthy.
- Dirty dishes carry germs.
- Food looks better on clean dishes.
- Food tastes better when served from clean dishes.



To Have Clean Dishes

You Need These Things:

Keep them where you wash dishes

Hot water

A pan to wash dishes in

A way to rinse them

A way to drain them

Soap or detergent

Scouring powder

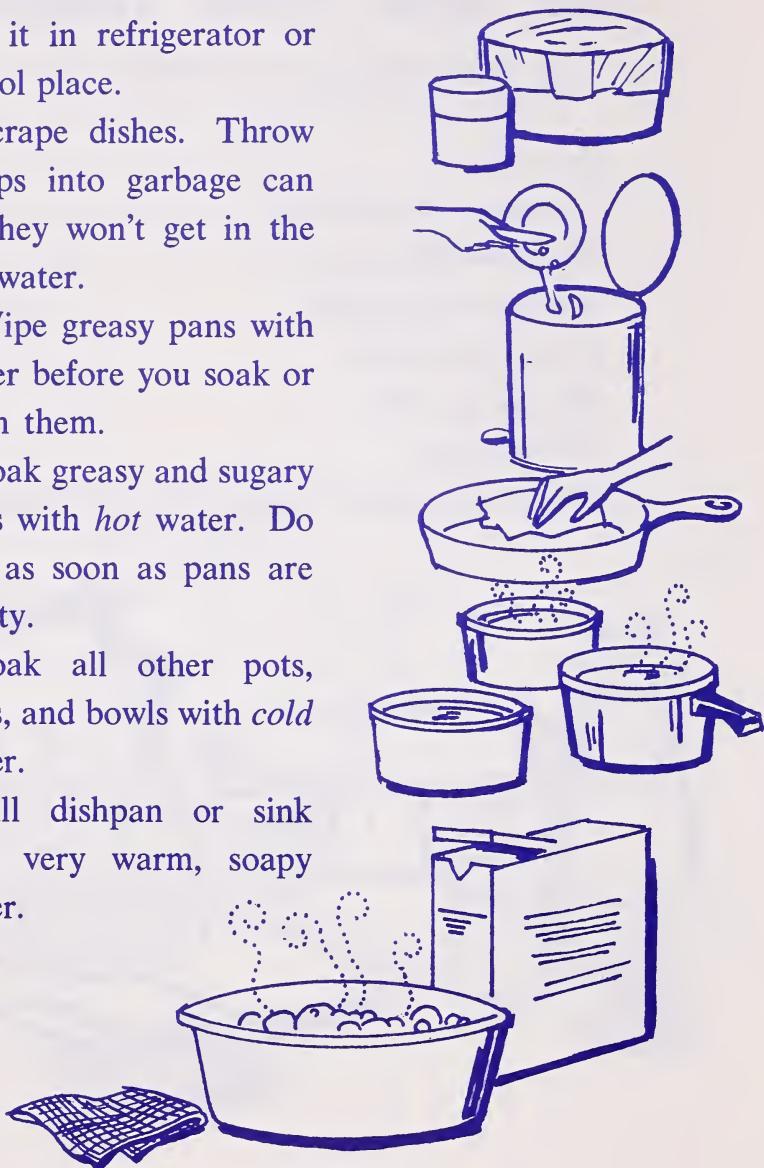
Scouring pad

Two cloths: one to wash with, one to dry with



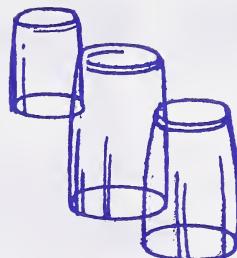
To Get Ready to Wash Dishes

- Cover leftover food. Put it in refrigerator or a cool place.
- Scrape dishes. Throw scraps into garbage can so they won't get in the dishwater.
- Wipe greasy pans with paper before you soak or wash them.
- Soak greasy and sugary pans with *hot* water. Do this as soon as pans are empty.
- Soak all other pots, pans, and bowls with *cold* water.
- Fill dishpan or sink with very warm, soapy water.



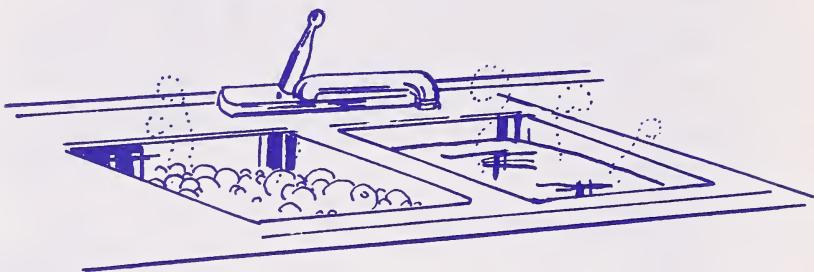
To Do the Job:

- First, wash glasses inside and out. Rinse. Turn upside down to drain.
- Next, wash knives, forks, and spoons. Rinse. Drain.
- Be sure dish towels are *clean*.
- Dry glasses, knives, forks, and spoons so they won't waterspot.
- Wash and dry sharp knives one at a time. Hold knife by the handle to wash and dry.
- Wash other dishes.
- Now rinse them . . .



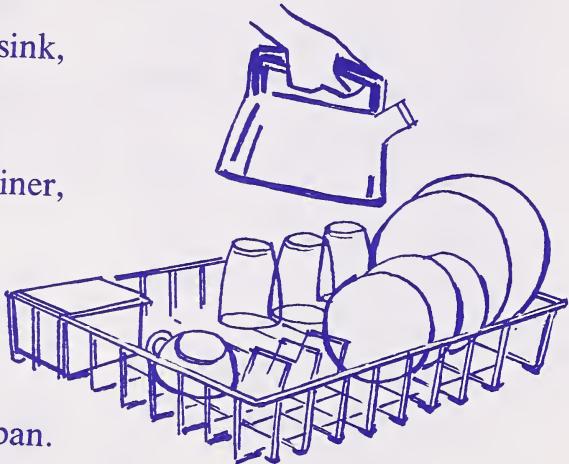
Hot water helps kill germs.

Rinse Dishes with Very Hot Water . . .

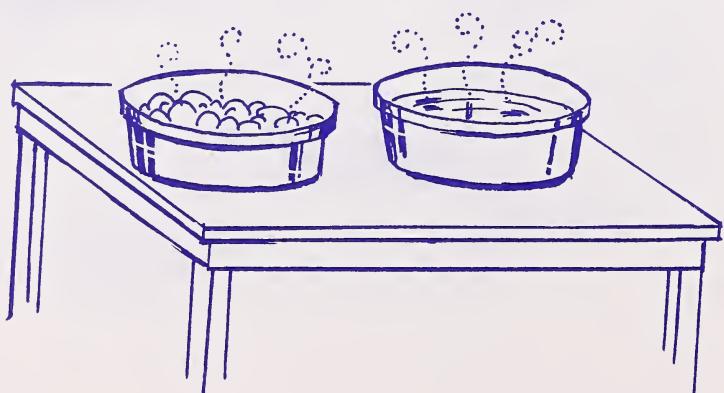


In a double sink,

in a dish drainer,



or in a rinse pan.



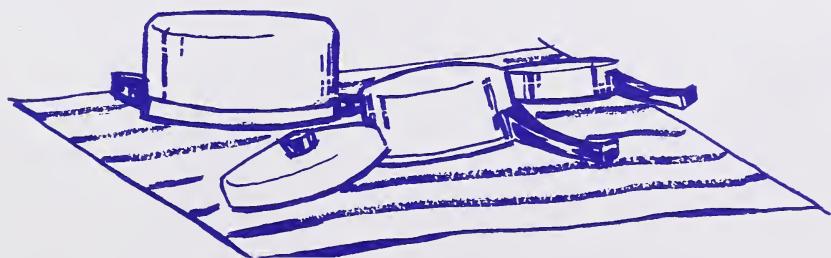
- Let dishes air-dry, or dry them with a clean cloth.



- Put dishes away.
- Now wash cooking pans. You may need clean, hot, soapy water. If food sticks to pans, use scouring powder or scouring pads.



- Rinse and air-dry pans.





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- Wash countertop, faucets, range, and tabletop.
- Empty sink or dishpan. Do not throw dishwater into the yard. It draws flies and other insects.
- Clean the sink with scouring powder. Remove stains with bleach mixed with water. Strong bleach will damage the enamel.
- Wash and rinse dishcloth and hang it to dry.
- Sweep kitchen floor and around eating table.
- Empty garbage can at least once a day.